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Standard 6. Using the plug-in/unroll/substitution method, solve the following recurrence relation.

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 11 & : n < 3, \\ 5T(n-3) + 13 & : n \geq 3. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

$$T(n) = 5T(n-3) + 13$$

$$= 5(5T(n-6) + 13) + 13$$

$$= 5^2 T(n-6) + (1+5)13$$

$$= 5^2 (5T(n-9) + 13) + (1+5)13$$

$$= 5^3 T(n-9) + (1+5+5^2)13$$

$$\hookrightarrow T(n) = 5^k T(n-3k) + 13 \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} 5^i$$

Solve for k :

$$\begin{cases} n-3k \leq 3 & \text{(base case)} \\ +3k & +3k \\ \hline n-3 \leq 3+3k & = \frac{n-3+3k}{3} = \frac{n-3}{3} \leq k \end{cases}$$

Plug back in: $\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} 5^i$

$$T(n) = 5^{\frac{n-3}{3}} \cdot 13 \sum_{i=0}^{\frac{n-3}{3}-1} 5^i$$

$$T(n) = 5^{\frac{(n-3)/3-1}{1} \cdot 118 \cdot \frac{1-5^{\frac{(n-3)/3}}{1-5}}$$

$$= \Theta(5^{\frac{(n-3)/3-1}{1}} \cdot 118 \cdot (1-5^{\frac{(n-3)/3}}))$$

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$\sum_{i=0}^k 5^i$ is a geometric series.

$$\sum_{i=0}^k 5^i = \frac{1-5^{k+1}}{1-5}$$

Plug back in to recurrence

$$\boxed{\Theta(5^{n/3})}$$